

# MACRENDER®

Polymer modified cement-based render for application over rigid and porous masonry based surfaces.

## Description

Macrender® is a polymer modified cement based plaster suitable for many rendering and patching applications over substrates including clay/cement bricks and blocks, painted masonry surfaces\*\*, precast concrete panels\*\* and aerated concrete. Macrender® has been formulated for use as a skim coat render best applied at a thickness ranging between 4-6mm. When applied to a clean and stable substrate, Macrender® will not display typical 'sand and cement' weaknesses such as herringbone cracking and drumminess, thus greatly reducing the risk of under taking costly and unsightly repair work. Note: Macrender® is not recommended for use over FC sheet.

## Suitable Surfaces

Macrender® can be applied to any rigid masonry based surface with sufficient porosity. Surfaces include:

- > Clay/concrete bricks/blocks
- > Aerated concrete (Macrender® Coarse FR recommended)
- > Existing cement renders

\*\*Application to low porosity (including primed) or non-rigid surfaces will require the addition of Macbond performance admixture. See Macbond data sheet for further details.

## Composition

Macrender® is composed of HE class portland cement, redispersible polymer powders, graded sands and workability admixtures. The formulation provides optimum performance, durability and ease of application.

## Mix Preparation

Fill a clean 15 litre mixing vessel with approximately 3 litres of clean water and slowly add the Macrender® powder whilst stirring. Add entire contents of bag and adjust with more water to achieve the desired consistency. Allow to stand for 2 minutes prior to application. A 20 kg bag of Macrender® will require approximately 4 litres of water. Application to certain substrata may require the addition of Macbond (see below).

## Application

Prior to the application of Macrender®, ensure that the substrate is clean and free of adhesion inhibiting materials such as grease, fungus, moss, dirt, excessive water and mould release agents. Apply the mixture to the substrate using a steel float, taking care to coat evenly.

Allow the applied material to firm up sufficiently on the substrate prior to finishing with a large plastic, polystyrene or timber float. Larger floats whilst producing the best results, may marginally slow finishing time. Macrender® can be 'ruled-off' if necessary and must be allowed to cure for a minimum of 5 days prior to the application of a paint or textured finish coat. Areas subject to entrapped moisture will require a substantially longer curing period prior to the application of topcoats. Macrender® should not be applied during extremely hot or windy conditions and should be protected from rain and running water until set. To assist curing, walls may be dampened with a fine mist spray as soon as the surface is firm. See Table below for application recommendations

## Curing

The strength of the final coating relates directly to the level of hydration of the cement component. Excessively rapid drying will result in a weaker render. MAC recommends that the finished render be lightly



hosed with water in the days following application. Curing of the render will significantly improve the strength and durability of the final coating.

### Macbond

Macbond is a high-performance polymer admixture formulated for addition to cement-based renders and adhesives. Macbond is mixed with water in various ratios then added to the dry-mix to provide the required level of adhesion for each specific job. Macbond is not required for all applications. See table for particulars.

**Table 1. Suggested Methods Of Application**

SUBSTRATE	METHOD
<i>Porous masonry based surfaces such as clay and concrete bricks and blocks</i>	<i>Clean down substrate and apply Macrender® at the required thickness in either one or two coats. Allow to firm up prior to ruling-off and floating smooth. Allow to cure for a minimum of 4 days prior to application of finish coat.</i>
<i>Glazed bricks</i>	<p><i>Premix a Macbond:water additive at a ratio of 1:10. Use this pre-mix as liquid component during Macrender® preparation (first coat only).</i></p> <p><i>Clean down substrate and apply Macrender® at the required thickness in either one or two coats. Allow to firm up before ruling-off and floating smooth. Allow to cure for a minimum of 4 days prior to application of finish coat.</i></p>
<i>Existing cement renders</i>	<p><i>Clean down substrate and remove any loose or drummy render. Macrender® will only adhere to the substrate as well as the underlying render so it is essential that only stable material remains. Excessively porous renders should be dampened with water to prevent premature drying of the Macrender®.</i></p> <p><i>Clean down substrate and apply Macrender® at the required thickness in either one or two coats. Allow to firm up prior to ruling-off and floating smooth. Allow to cure for a minimum of 4 days prior to application of finish coat.</i></p>
<p><i>Concrete Panels</i></p> <p><i>NB: Macrender® HBS recommended</i></p>	<p><i>Premix a Macbond:water additive at a ratio of 1:2. Use this pre-mix as liquid component during Macrender® preparation (first coat only).</i></p> <p><i>Clean down substrate and apply Macrender® at the required thickness in either one or two coats. Allow to firm up prior to ruling-off and floating smooth. Allow to cure for a minimum of 4 days prior to application of finish coat.</i></p>
<p><i>Sealed masonry (including primed) based surfaces</i></p> <p><i>NB: Macrender® HBS recommended</i></p>	<p><i>Premix a Macbond:water additive at a ratio of 1:1. Use this pre-mix as liquid component during Macrender® preparation (first coat only).</i></p> <p><i>Clean down substrate and apply Macrender® at the required thickness in either one or two coats. Allow to firm up prior to ruling-off and floating smooth. Allow to cure for a minimum of 4 days prior to application of finish coat.</i></p>

### Packaging

Macrender® is supplied as a dry-mix powder in 20 kg plastic lined, multi-walled paper sacks. Pallet lots of 60 x 20 kg bags are also available.

### Coverage

A 20 kg bag of Macrender® is expected to cover approximately 4 - 5 square metres at a thickness of 4 - 6 mm.

### Wash-Up

Clean tools in clean water immediately after use.

### Safety

Macrender® is non-toxic however it contains cement which is alkaline in nature. Any material coming into contact with eyes or skin should be immediately flushed with clean water. This product may also contain trace quantities of respirable silica present only as an impurity. Eye, skin and breathing protection is recommended during preparation and application of Macrender®.

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